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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Response is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 26, 2002 (Paper No. 6), in the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-11, and 23-32, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid reference standard and a kit comprising the same. This election is made without traverse and without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later filed divisional application.

Favorable examination of claims 1-11, and 23-32 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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